THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *Design* of the *Review* in his *Story* of *Taunton*.
2. Of the *Ringing* there on *Thursday* the 23d. of *May*.
3. And on the *first* of *June*.
4. His *Moderation* in not telling *Scandalous* Stories.
5. Of *Displacing* the *Sexton*.
6. Of the *Bonfire*.
7. No *Help* to him for all his *Reflections* upon the *Duke* of *Marlborough*.
8. A *Slip* of the *Observator*, Relating to his *Grace*.
9. He *Eugenes* somebody again.

WEDNESDAY, *July* 17th 1706.

(1.) *Country-man.* I Left off last time, *Master*, with giving you an account of that wilful *Prevarication* of the *Review* of 18th *June* last, Vol. 3. N. 73. which, if not *Discover'd*, had led every one of his *Readers* to believe that all *Rejoycing* and *Ringing* of *Bells* for the late Great *Victory* at *Ramellies* had been *Forbidden* by the *Mayor* and *Magistrats* of *Taunton*, tho' earnestly *Solicited* by the good *Dissenters*. This he did to shew, that the *Dissenters* were the true *Friends* of the D. of *Marlborough*, and the *Church-Men* his *Enemies*. This was to *Ballance* all the several *Attacks* had been made against the D. of *Marlborough* by *Himself* and his *Party*; That if he cou'd find the least *Failure* of *Respect* towards his *Grace* in any call'd *Church-Men*, how Remote soever, he wou'd set this up to *Ballance* (tho' it wou'd not *Ballance*) all that he and others have *Printed* against his *Grace*. At least, to Drowned the *Noise* of the *One* with the *Other*. Therefore he brings in *Taunton*, as having *Fail'd* in their Demonstrations of *Joy*, upon the Great *Victory* of his *Grace* at *Ramellies*, in Refusing to let their *Bells* be *Rung* upon that Occasion. Tho' he knew that they had been *Rung* on *Saturday* the 18 of *May*, upon the first *News* they had of the *Victory*, and again on *Monday* the 20th when they Receiv'd the *Confirmation* of it. All this he *Honestly* Conceals!

And Charges them with Refusing to let their *Bells* be *Rung* on *Thursday* the 23 of *May*, when the *Confirmation* of that *Victory* came to *Taunton*. As if they had never heard of it before!

Rehearsal. That was but the *Third* Day from their having *Rung* for the *Victory*. But with the second *Confirmation* of that *Victory*, came the *News* of some *Towns* that had Submitted. For this they might have *Rung* again. But if they did not, it can be made no objection, it being a plain Consequence of the *Victory*. But the *Review* says, That the *Mayor* Refus'd to let the *Bells* be *Rung*, when desir'd, upon that *Thursday*.

(2.) *Country-m.* None Desir'd it till past *Eleven* a *Clock* at *Night*, when some *Rude* and *Obscure Fellows* desir'd leave of the *Mayor* to *Ring* the *Bells*, which he at first Refus'd, thinking it Improper to Disturb the Town at *Mid-Night*. However he gave them leave at last, and they fell a *Jangling* the *Bells* in such an Unusual and Tumultuary manner, as gave great Disturbance to the Town, many running out of their Houses, thinking it had been a *Fire-Bell*, and that there was some *Allarm*. Which might have made the *Mayor* say next Day, that the *Review* Charges him with, *That he had rather have given 5 Guineas then the Bells shou'd have been Rung*. But my Letter says, it is Utterly False, and that he said no such thing, nor Mr. *Simon Wescot* whom the *Review* Joyns with him in it. And that both are Men of *known Zeal and Affection to her Majesties Person and Government*. But withall, it says, *of eminent Fidelity to the Church*.

(3.) *Rehearf.* You need give no further Reason why these Men are Thrown at. But there is another *Ringing* or *No Ringing* Bout you must give an Account of, that is, on the *first* of *June*, when the News came of the Relief of *Barcellona*. And the *Review* says, there was no *Ringing* at one *Church*, and at another the *Ringers* were *Beat* and *Abus'd* and *Drove* down *Stairs*.

Country-m, O, *Master*, thereby *Hangs* a *Tail*—— You shall see some *Sport* now, and a Noble *Contrivance* of these *Dissenters*! The same *Post*, on the *first* of *June*, that brought the *News* of the Raising the *Siege* of *Barcelona*, brought the *Whiggs* the Joyfull News of their *Victory* in *Westminster-Hall* about the *Church-Wardens*, of which we spoke before. And they were Resolv'd to be before-hand with any other *Joy* cou'd be shew'd. And the *Bells* shou'd *Ring* for their *Victory*! Ay that they shou'd! In short my *Letter* says, They grew *Insufferable Insolent and Sawcy*, and made a Perfect *Riot* and *Tumult* in the Town, for they wou'd *Insult* the *Church* with her own *Bells*. And they became so *Furious* and *Disorderly*

derly, that the *Magiſtrats* cou'd not bear it, nor cou'd Anſwer the ſuffering it. For which only Reaſon they were not ſuffer'd to *Ring* at the *Upper Church*. At St. *James*'s the *Lower Church* they *Rung*, but pretended it was for a *Wager*, and not for the *News* (that is, of their *Victory* in *Weſtminſter-Hall*) ſo they own'd to the *Church-Warden* who firſt gave Leave. But he being Inform'd of the true Reaſon, Forbade it, and they were order'd to Depart, but without any *Beating* or *Abuſing*, as is Falſly told in the *Review*.

(4.) *Rehearſ.* He ſays he *Forbears to Repeat their Diſloyal and Scandalous Expreſſions*, that is, of the *Church-Men*.

Country-m. He had not *Forborn* till now, if he had known any. This is a *Blow* in the *Dark* — And to make you Believe.—

(5.) *Rehearſ.* He ſays the *Sexton* of St. *James*'s Pariſh was turn'd out of his Place, becauſe his *Wife* let the *Ringers* into the *Bellfrey*.

Country-m. He was turn'd out for Groſs *Im-Moralities*, as he was before out of the *Clark*'s place for his *Debauchery* and other *Crimes*. He was ſo Great an Offence to the *Diſſenters*, that the very Day before this *Ringing* they Apply'd themſelves to the *Mayor* and *Church-Wardens* for his Removal. But he was a Great *Promoter* of that Factions *Ringing*, and own'd they *Rung* for Mr. *Newton*'s Victory (one of the Diſſenting *Church-Wardens*) And now they *Pity* him, the *Review* calls him *Poor Man*, and ſays this will be the *Ruin* of his *Family*, to loſe the *Sexton*'s Place. But his *Wife* is all his *Family*, and able to work for her Living. Only the *Ruin* of a *Family* Sounded *Great*! And may be put in among the *High-Church Perſecutions*!

(6.) *Rehearſ.* The *Review* tells likewiſe of a *Bonefire* made by the *Honeſt Whiggs*, as he calls them. And how the *Party*, as he calls the *Church*, came to pull it down, and that Mr. *Yard* in Particular Cry'd, out *They won'd not have the Church burnt upon the Corn-Hill.*

Country-m. Mr. *Yard* was not there, and neither ſaw *Faggots* nor *Bonfire*. So that Mr. *Review*'s Intelligencer has Fail'd him. The *Mayor* took notice of their *Rudeneſs*, but, Threatn'd no *Proſecution*, as the *Review* has *Miſtaken* it again!

(7.) *Rehearſ.* O the *Induſtry* there is in the *Art* of *Lying*! And the *Conſtancy* too! I expect not *De Foe* ſhou'd *Bluſh* for all this! No, nor *Retract* neither! That is below a Man of *Honour*! Perhaps he may *Repeat* it again, as oft as he has done his *Weather-Cock*! Yet I fancy he will hardly *Adventure* to ſay after this, that there was no *Rejoycing* at *Taunton* upon my Lord *Marlborough*'s Victory at *Ramellies*. And then he has not been able to find, with all the Pains he has taken, ſo much as one *Inſtance* on the *Church* ſide, of any *Failure* of *Reſpect* towards his *Grace*. Tho' if he had found ſuch an *Inſtance*, it wou'd not (as I have ſaid) been any *Clearing* of *Himſelf* and *Companions*, for all the *Scandalous Reflections* they have ſtudy'd to Throw upon his *Grace*. Which all now muſt lye wholly at their own Door, without any Help to them from the *Church*.

(8.) *Country-m.* The *Obſervator* is very Angry with you, *Maſter*, for taking notice of their *Spite* againſt the Duke of *Marlborough*, he ſays in his of the 6th Inſtant, *Vol.* 5. N. 32. That you do it on Purpoſe, *To draw the REVIEW and OBSERVATOR into ſome Slip, that might be Miſconſtrued to the Duke's prejudice.*

Rehearſ. If they had no *Prejudice* to him, they cou'd not fall into any ſuch *Slip*. Is a Man afraid to ſpeak of his *Friend*, leſt he ſhou'd ſay ſomething to his *Prejudice*? But a Conceal'd *Malice*, when it Dare not ſpeak out, is very Apt to *Slip!*

Country-m. He ſays in the very next Words, *That in leſs than an Hundred Years, it has been more ſafe to ſpeak againſt our Saviour JESUS CHRIST, than to ſpeak againſt a GREAT MAN in Power.*

Rehearſ. He names my Ld. D. of *Marlborough* in the ſame Sentence, therefore all this muſt be underſtood of Him. And this is indeed *Speaking out*, it is a *Slip* and a *Half*! He ſpoke this in the *Anguiſh* of his *Soul*, that he *Dare* not now, as formerly, vent all his *Spleen* againſt this *Great-Man* in *Power*! And his making ſuch a *Compariſon*, as that it was *More ſafe to Speak againſt our Saviour JESUS CHRIST*, beſides the *Prophaneſs* of the *Alluſion*, ſhew'd his *Heart* was even like to *Burſt* with his *Gall*. Not that he had any thing to ſay *againſt* this *Great Man!* No ſurely! Is not this full *Demonſtration!*

(9.) *Country-m.* As full as his next *Obſervator* of the 10th Inſtant, Num. 33. Where he *Eugenes* ſome Body again, as he and the *Party* did after the *Battle* at *Hotchſted*, which you ſhew'd Abundantly at that time. And now they'r at it again, with more *Malice* than before! They prefer him far above any other *General* whatſoever! *That Prince EUGENE* (ſays this *Obſervator*) *the moſt neglected of any GENERAL, has done the Greateſt Exploits in War, that ever any Age cou'd produce.* Then, ſurely, Beyond any in this *Age! And what is yet more Glorious* (continues *Obſervator*) *as Poor now, after being General ſo many Campaigns; as at firſt when he held the Truncheon of Honour.* This was upon ſome *General* that is Grown *Rich*! But more of this next Time.

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